GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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EROSION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any increase in areas of erosion of agricultural land due to flood during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the efforts made by the Government to control the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The area affected/crop area affected by floods, including that due to erosion of agriculture land, every year depends upon the peak discharges in the rivers and degree of protection provided by the flood protection works. Total area and cropped area affected by floods in last three years are:-

(Area in million ha.)

Year	Area affected by flood	Crop area affected due to flood
2001	6.175	3.960
2002	7.125	2.231
2003	6.491	3.410

Anti river erosion works are integral part of flood management works which are planned and executed by the State Governments. The assistance rendered by the Central Government is technical, catalytic and promotional in nature.

An area of 16.46 million ha. of flood prone areas has been provided with a reasonable degree of protection with the help of various flood management works viz. construction of 34397.61 kms. embankment, 51317.51 kms. drainage channel and 561.79 kms. sea wall upto March, 2003.